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The Radio Ass'n. of Erie, Inc. Serving area "Hams" for over 27 years.

July 5, 1973

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 by K3NAU.

Officers present: K3NAU, WA3HSR, and WA3EAY.

Directors present: WA3HSR, W3SN, and K3VIP

The minutes of the June meeting were approved as read.

The treasurers report indicated a balance of \$329.18.

A motion to pay new bills was heard and carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1) Bill of \$7.00 from FNB for box rental.
- 2) Bill of \$4.00 from EXXON for gas.
- 3) ECARS and CARS newsbulletins.

COMMITTEES

QUA-RAE - Those present applauded the works of the new editor, WA3TRJ in getting out a fine July issue, Hoppy is in the hospital.

Auction - It was a general feeling that a lack of local advertising contributed to the smaller turnout at the June affair. It was noted however, that profits were very close to those of last year with the fewer people. K3VIP and WA3HSR were appointer as CO-chairman for the 1974 Auction.

CD - W3KPM reported that the Civil Defense wished to thank those who participated in the hospital drill on June 2. Tom also reported on some of the plans regarding the repair and maintenance of CD owned generators. It was felt that if the CD could supply the parts, the RAE could provide the labor. Tom also reported that a regular schedule of using the equipment would be a possibility.

REPEATER - K3WTZ read a letter written to PENELEC officials explaining the noise problem at the receiver site and requesting their assistance in installing the new tower to be placed at the CD farm south of the city. Bob felt that PENELEC help was very probable.

FIELD DAY - WA3HSR reported on the overall contact results despite the generator trouble encountered. It was moved, "that parts for the club generator be purchased for around \$20 and also a replacement 40 foot mast be bought from Radio Shack." The motion was carried.

ACTIVITIES - K3NAU elaborated on plans for the August picnic with the food of Ox roast, corn and soft drinks being sold at minimal charges. K3QHO's XYL was put in charge and a motion to allow a \$25.00 expense was heard and carried. It was decided that food would be served from 12 - 2 PM and other food brought would be done by individuals.

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BOARD - K3VIP reported that the recent reinvestment of the RAE Bonds, as voted on by the Board and enacted by W3AQY would increase the annual interest received by the RAE from \$371.00 per year to \$573.73.

HAMFEST - K3VIP reported that the TR-22 had arrived and that door prize tickets were being sold.

There was no old business when called for by K3NAU.

Under new business the new FCC regulations were discussed at length with many proposals of what should have been done. It was agreed that WA3HSR write up some petitions which would be sent to Wayne Green, W2NSO/1, for use in his efforts to arouse Congressional interest over amateurs radio's plight against, Mr. A. Prose Walker.

A discussion was then held concerning the possibilities of new activities programs for the fall.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Hall WA3HSR
Secretary, RAE

Repeater Committee Minutes

July 12, 1973

Meeting was called to order at 20:00 by K3WTZ.

The minutes were read and approved.

The treasurers report	Beginning balance	\$124.48
	Receipts	65.00
	Balance	<u>189.48</u>

OLD BUSINESS

K3WTZ read a letter to Penelec stating that we plan to move the RCVR site to the CD farm because of noise interference caused by their power lines. K3WTZ has held a meeting with Penelec and Penelec has offered to aid in the construction of a new RCVR site. Penelec has also agreed to install electric service to the CD farm.

AMATEUR RADIO NEWS

THE RADIO ASSOCIATION of Erie will not have an activities meeting this month due to conflicting vacation Schedules. Activities will resume in full swing, however, in August with the RAW family picnic scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 18, at Waldmeer Park.

According to Chuck Bliley, K3Nau, activities chairman, the picnic will run from 12 noon until 4 P.M. with food served between noon and 2 p.m.. The food, supplied by the club and available to a modest cost will include ox roast sandwiches, corn-on-the-cob, and soft drinks. Other dishes, if desired, will have to be brought by individual families. The event will take place rain or shine in the Waldmeer shelter.

TICKETS ARE now on sale for the RAE banquet to be held on Saturday, Oct 6, at Sara Coyne Restaurant. They are \$1 each and may be purchased from any RAE member, at any meeting or by writing to P.O. Box 844, Erie 16512.

Guest speakers for the event are rumored to be nationally known figures in the amateur world. More details will appear in this column at a later date.

The first prize to be awarded at the banquet will be a choice between a Drake TR-22 two meter transceiver or \$200. Second prize winner will take the remaining item.

THE SIX and ten meter transmitter hunts will begin today at 6 p.m. on

50.52 MHz, and 29.000MHz, respectively. Hidden transmitters will be WA3TRJ and WA3LSY.

REPRINTED FROM ERIE TIMES JULY 5

THE EDITOR SPEAKS

I would like to thank the many contributors to the QUA-RAE. The many writers: WA3EZN, K3NAU, WA3LSY, K3QHO, K3VLP, W3KPJ, K3ATZ, WA3MAU, WA3HSR, WA3FUL, K3KAP, W3PIX, W3SN, W3STK, K3CAY, WA3JIN, and a host of others who have taken their time and talent to keep all of us informed as to what is going on, on the "HAM BAND".

I also think it is fitting to thank the editors in the past, WA3HDK and others before him. They did a tremendous job and there is a lot to do.

You must compile the articles, sort them, and then edit them. Take them to the typist. She returns her work and you proof read it. You return it for her to type on masters. Then you go and pick up her final work and proofread that. You then print it, fold it, staple it, address and sort them all out. (according to zip) Finally they are ready to mail.

To all the above I give my humble thanks. Any articles you may have may be sent to Bud Hopkins, 3834 Parade St. Blvd., Erie, Pa. 16501
The Editor WA3TRJ

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Discussion was held concerning how the tower should be erected. WA3HDK had reported earlier that concrete would be available from Leo A. Kery phone 725-1541

New Business

WA3TRJ reported that the repeater was off the air twice during the past week, once was due to a power failure in the transmitter site area and the cause of the second time was unknown.

WA3TRJ moved that a lockout RCVR be put on 146.94 so that if simplex activity is present on 94 the repeater will not operate.

Motion carried.

K3NAU will install an XTAL oven at the transmitter site.

K3WTZ read a copy of a letter which was sent to all area hams explaining the repeater and saying the repeater is open to all.

The meeting was adjourned at 21:35

Patient to nurse

I beleive I lost my little green pill. Nurse as she is straightening the sheets. You didn't swallow it did you. Patient I would have known if I swallowed it. Nurse still straightening the sheets Here it is a little white pill.

Oh well, maybe the dye rubbed off

WA3TRJ

WA3KWF - The Johnstown repeater has been removed from the air do to circumstances Beyond their control- no license as of yet.

OFFICIAL BULLETINS

FROM ARRL HEADQUARTERS

NR 426

May 17

During the summer travel season many amateurs visit ARRL Headquarters and the Maxim Memorial station, W1AW. The League Headquarters building is open to visitors Monday through Friday, eight to five EDT, without appointment. Times other than these can be covered by writing ahead and arranging for a tour. Holiday closings will occur on May 28, July 4 and September 3. Printed directions to ARRL are available without charge. Send an addressed stamped envelope with eight cents postage to ARRL, 225 Main Street, Newington, Connecticut 06111. Remember to bring your original license, not a photocopy, to operate W1AW.

NR 427

May 24

The following are the calls of the high claimed Top Ten single operator scores in the 1973 ARRL International DX Competition. DX cw, KH6RS KV4HW YV5KL KH6IJ LU5HFI TI2DX KH6IAB 9Y4VU EA2TA I6BQI. W/VE cw, K1NOL W1BPW K1LPL/3 WLYK W2GXD K1DIR K1VTM W1RCP WB4YOJ W2DXL. DX phone, 6J9AA 4M4AGP KZ5-JF XG1J LU5HFI VP2MY KH6BZF KH6IJ 9Y4VU CE3AQW. W/VE phone, W7RM W6-RR K6EBB WLYK K1JHX K1VTM W4ZCY K1THQ W3GRF K6SVL. The full listing of high claimed scores will appear in the July issue of QST.

NR 428

May 31

The ARRL Board of Directors meets twice annually to formulate the course of ARRL affairs. The second meeting of 1973 is scheduled for July 19. The full members of ARRL elect the Board which has the o-

verall responsibility for managing the affairs of the League. This democratic process is effective only to the extent that the membership participates. Now is the time for members and affiliated clubs to communicate their ideas, including those on the current races inquiry discussed on page 78 of June QST, to their division director at the address shown on page 8 of any 1973 QST.

NR 430

June 11

FCC has granted the ARRL request for a 60-day postponement of the comment date in Docket 19723, the RACES study. This makes the new date for comments by interested parties on or before September 4, 1973. Details on the docket appear starting on page 78 of June QST.

NR 431

June 11

The new edition of the ARRL Repeater Directory, detailing 718 United States and Canadian repeaters, is now ready for distribution. To receive your copy unfolded by first class mail, send an addressed envelope larger than 6 by 9 inches with 21 cents U.S. postage. This membership service is available without charge from ARRL, 225 Main Street, Newington, Connecticut 06111.

NR 432

June 21

At the conclusion of the June 23 through 24 ARRL Field Day, Participants are urged to report promptly. Full information on summarizing results appears on page 80 of MAY QST. Entries must be postmarked continued on page 6

ARRL BULLETINS CONT FROM PAGE 5.

Ed no later than August 1. Photos of your setups identified with call, club name and transmitter class, as well as comments on your activity, are welcomed. Groups are reminded of bonus points available for using the Oscar 6 satellite.

Appropriate publicity material and message copies must be attached to your entry for bonus credit. Address FD reports to ARRL, 225 Main Street, Newington, Connecticut 06111.

W3KPJ Hank Schnieder

WANTED: Information leading to the capture of the following "Desparatos" who have left their mailing addresses become unknown to our addressograph's "most wanted" list

WB2AMW	WA3NPE	WA3BTF
K3PLV	K3AQR	K3IXI
WA3GJH	WN3PVC	W3KVB
K3HSM	W3CRV	W3JMD
W3QPC	W3MBW	WA3HPG
WN3MVV	W3JHJ	W3ARO
WA3SSW	K3DDI	WA3KCZ
W3NNZ	WA3IUF	WA3MVB
WA3LYK	W3JUP	WA3IGI
K3KRA	W3IVX	K3BKW

Albert Thompson

WA3EZN - Dave did more tree trimming than operating on field day. That is where the fire wood came from for the campfires.

One recent proposal which is attracting attention at high official levels of the FCC is for the restoration of television Channel 1 to VHF channel allocations, and its reservation exclusively for ETV purposes. Channel 1 was first assigned to television broadcasting in 1941, when the present monochrome standards were adopted for commercial operation. Channel 1 was assigned to 50-56 MHz in 1941, but was changed in 1945 to 44-50 MHz.

Channel 1 was to be reserved for a "community" class of station limited to 100 ft at 500 ft.. Only one construction permit at Riverside, California was ever granted on Channel 1, and this station was never built. In 1948 Channel 1 was reassigned from television to the land mobile services (sound familiar?), and in turn land mobile sharing of channels 2-13, which had been permitted but proved unattractive, was discontinued.

Old channel 1 is still assigned to land mobile, but today there is ample frequency space to permit land mobile reassignment elsewhere in the spectrum so as to free the band for television purposes once again. This may present some problems, but probably fewer than some of the other schemes for ETV expansion.

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April 1973

WA3DGL - Larry is working teletype on two meters with his father.

PLANNING CHIEF

Says FCC Decision Due

On 2 New Com Services

By Hal Taylor

Washington (FNS) - From the head of the Federal Communication Commission's office of long-range planning comes hope for short-range decision-making on two new communications services.

Although many in the industry would argue that all FCC actions inevitably become "long-range". Walter Hinchman's charter, as head of the recently formed Office of Plans and Policy, specifically includes long term projects.

However, Mr. Hinchman predicted that final discussions on both the new citizens' band E radio system and the use of 900-MHz band for the land mobile industry will begin shortly at the FCC.

Mr. Hinchman is hopeful that the citizens' band E radio proposal will be able to move ahead in the relatively near future. The Electronic Industries Association has estimated that if the new market of \$500 million per year in communications gear.

He said he will have a proposal ready for commission consideration in a month or two. He stated the major problem facing the commission is finding a way to structure the new radio service so that it won't be plagued by the morass of problems now facing the citizens' band D radio service. The latter has many frequency interference problems and its use is

subject to many abuses of the management rules.

Mr. Hinchman predicted the commission will try to handle the matter in such a way that the service can proceed while a parallel effort is made to handle any potential problems.

Electronic industry officials are afraid that the commission will go the "notice of inquiry" route to handle citizens' band E. They predict this could mean delays of years before the new service is implemented.

FCC chairman Dean Burch, had told a recent Congressional hearing the commission will probably institute a notice of inquiry.

"Action Soon"

Mr. Burch said "We hope to be able to take some action soon upon a petition filed by the Electronic Industries Association to create a new class E category of citizens' radio stations by reallocating 2 MHz of spectrum in the 220-225 MHz band. This petition raises a number of serious problems such as possible mutual interference with military radar installations and enforcement and administration issues. Yet there is an estimated potential of 10 million licenses for such a service, which of course, indicates a tremendous pent-up demand. We are considering a possible notice of inquiry to obtain additional information in some of these areas."

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Mr. Hinchman is quick to point out that as a member of the FCC staff he can only make recommendations and proposals. The final decisions are made by a vote of the seven commissioners. In addition, with the proposals of the various other FCC bureaus.

TEN METER TRANSMITTER HUNT

WA3ISN and his wife were the hidden transmitter for last month on ten meters. WA3HSR, WA3LSY with WA3USH riding, K3PLV and his wife, and W3HLM with K3VOF standing by on his base station helping those who couldn't copy Rick's far out signal, were the stations participating this month.

After Rick moved so that everyone could at least hear him and could get into some kind of range for taking bearings he moved back to his original position while waiting for everyone to zero right in on him. After 50 minutes of not uttering a word Rick, WA3LSY, pulled back into the weeds to find, lo and behold, the hidden transmitter. 15 minutes later WA3HSR, mighty Mike drove by. A tad of chat brought him sniffing right at the doorstep and he was the second. About this time Don, W3HLM decided it was about time to do his thing and quit. Better luck next month Don. To top it off Craig K3PLV was talked in to terminate an interesting and enjoyable hunt.

An Ominous Contributor

VINTAGE RADIO

This new pictorial album of old radio equipment, edited by Morgan E. McMahon, should hold particular interest to amateurs and antique radio buffs who would like to know more about radio during the early part of the century. The book is full of interesting photographs and text describing much of the early apparatus used by such wireless pioneers as Marconi, DeForest and Sir Oliver Lodge. There's a complete section on early receivers including models manufactured by Grebe, Rimler, Atwater-Kent and RCA; early vacuum tubes, coherers, test equipment and many special components. The list of 3000 radio models by manufacturer and year should be a particular aid to collectors who are having trouble dating a particular radio in their collection.

Soft-bound, 263 pages, hundreds of photographs and drawings, \$4.95. Also available with hard cover for \$6.95. Order from Vintage Radio, Box 2045, Palos Verdes Peninsula California 90274.

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July 1973

The Corry Area hams are setting up two meter A.M. operations around 145.90 MHz.

Erie- 50 MHZ and above

50.52- AM Tri-State Net Sunday 9 AM
34/94- FM Meret Net Sunday 10 PM

Net control for the month of May Six meter A.M. net was art, WB2ZFE from New York State. The net averaged 10 check-ins per week which means we still have a lot of unused six meter AM equipment out there. We heard from WA3UET for the first time during May and were glad to hear from Hank, W3KPJ. Our current list of active 6 meter stations as of June 10 is as follows: WA2BCA, K2ZYX, WB2ZEE, W3ALD, WA3EZN, WA3EZR, WA3HDK, WA3JIS, WA3PGL, W3SN, WA3TRJ, W3YWL, WA3UTN, K3QAY, W3KPJ, WA3UET, W3YLI, and WA3UDH. If your call isn't listed here and you have six meter equipment how about meeting with us Sunday nights at 2100 hrs. (9PM) at 50.52 MHZ. I'd like to see this list reach 30 or more stations. Only you can keep someone else from getting your Ham frequencies.

There was no six meter net on June 3rd because of a severe storm in the Erie Area. Those who looked for the net now know what happened. Net control for the month of June was WA3EZN. While on this subject, I notice that about four or five stations are handling net control. There is nothing difficult about net control and almost everyone a signal strong enough for net control. Next time you are asked to be net control, say Yes, and try the other side of net operation. It's valuable experience that each of us should have. You may have no choice sometime if a real emergency should surround you.

Over the weekend of June 9th and 10th there was a VHF contest. We didn't get into the contest but did make contact with some of the stronger stations. We talked to K2YSX/3 in eastern Pennsylvania, who indicated satisfaction with the amount of activity. K2TXB/2 in western New York seemed to be working lots of 4's and reported some openings of the band during the contest. I was told of one Erie station who worked into Colorado with a 5x9 report. The antenna being used on the Erie end of the QSO was a dipole. Willie K2ZYX reports openings on six meter into the south or mid-west on several occasions. Sounds like lots of activity and fun for those who want it can be found on the six meter band.

Here's a suggestion I read somewhere. While talking to your friends in local QSO change the direction of the beam for each transmission. This isn't supposed to interfere with the local QSO but could provide some DX activity. Try this and let us know of your results.

I've been hearing rumors of a six meter FM repeater for the Erie area but can't seem to get to the source to find out what's going on. More on this if and when I find out what's what.

While talking about openings let's not forget about the activities on the two meter band. I heard a Buffalo, New York mobile talk through the Erie (WA3KXD) FM repeater a short time ago. There also seems to be a few Canadian stations hitting continued on page 10

the repeater. I've heard another repeater output on 146.94 several times on the way to work. I've been told that this is the Detroit repeater. If this is true the openings could produce some interesting contacts.

The MERET net control for the month of May was WA3TRJ and for the month of June was K3WTZ.

By the time you read this the first summer six meter transmitter hunt will be over. WA3TRJ was the hidden transmitter on June 17 for six meters and hid along with the ten meter boys. If you have six meter AM mobile capabilities tune in at 6:30 PM the third Sunday of each month on 50.52 and try to find the hidden transmitter.

see you next month, WA3EZN QRT

P.S. to K3ATZ thats 10-7 Ha Ha

A Daily log can be a personal

broadcasting history book

By Harry A. Tummonds
(W8BAH)

By law, amateur radio stations are required to keep a log of all operations. So do radio and TV stations. Ships and aircraft. Liken your home to a communications activity and the daily log you keep can be your checkbook. Communications links into the average home are the U.S. Mail, the newspaper, your radio and TVsets and the gas, water, elec-

tric and telephone lines. when some of these communication links break down we have a bad time. Here is my log for recent months.

Two Flat tires, new battery and muffler. Pilot light on gas heater fell off. Water meter sprang a leak and had to be replaced. TV set quit and a HAM radio friend Ted Miko (W8PVC) of West Park TV sent a loaner PORTABLE. Telephone went dead for four days. Lights went out for eight hours. Batteries in transistor radio and two flashlights died. Then during the high winds our house number blew off.

Each day that my phone was dead the telephone company reported that they were "Working on the cable". On the fourth day, via my station (W8BAH) I contacted Eunice Bernon (K8ONA-AREA) on the 51 megahertz Apricot Net wave-length. Don't know what she told the telephone company but in a short time there were two trucks at (W8BAH) and phone in operation in 15 minutes.

The eight hours without electricity was real frightening. From 1 p.m. power remained on at real low voltage, too low to operate refrigerator, freezer, furnace or other appliances with motors, so had to shut everything down.

IT WAS getting dark and cold, so as I have done many times in the past I ran a long extension cord over to the home of our next door neighbor, Louis and Eva Debrosky who have Mary service. (Hope they never sell the Mary Plant).

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With electricity from my neighbor's home, hooked up a lamp, refrigerator, TV, radio and my amateur radio G-50 six meter transceiver. Tuned in news reports on radio and TV but in spite of the thousands of homes still dark there was little or no information as to when the power would be back on, but one must note that many of the programs are sponsored by the utilities.

It is frightening not to know what is going on when you are in a disaster situation. At about 9 P.M. the power came on.

When electricity is off and telephones are out, one local radio station should be designated to keep the public informed as to progress of repairs. I hope for return of Civil Defense and the Auxiliary Police and the radio station at CD Headquarters, South Marginal Drive that kept the public advised during storms and other emergencies.

Richmond (PAT) Shreve (W8GRG-AREA) amateur radio emergency coordinator for Northeastern Ohio suggests that HAM and CB radio operators display their call letters on their home so that neighbors could know of a place to go for information during emergencies.

It's a good idea. Perhaps the HAM and CB leaders can meet and plan emergency procedures.

LAST WEEK, with telephones out, power lines down, had fires started during the high winds and the city could have burned down. What is the condition of your water lines, gas,

electric and telephone lines? They are all part of communications between you and the outside world. Check your TV antenna too.

The good news is that the FCC has renewed my amateur radio license good now to December 14, 1976. Took one month.

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TIRED??? If you're tired, here's why. No matter how tired you may be, your exhaustion is fully justified, as can be proven by simple arithmetic. The U.S. has a population of 200 million. Of these, 72 million are over 65, leaving 128 million to do the work. When you subtract 75 million under 21, you get 53 million. There are also 24 million employed by the Federal Government, leaving 29 million to do the work. The 12 million in the Armed Forces leaves only 17 million to do the work, and when you subtract from this the 15,765,000 who are in state and city offices, and 520,000 in hospitals, mental institutions and similar places, the work force is reduced to 715,000. Fine, but 462,000 are bums and vagrants, leaving only 253,000 to do the work. There are 252,998 people in jail, leaving, you guessed it, just 2 people, me and you, and I'm getting tired.

Author Unknown

THE FCC AND YOUR AMATEUR LICENSE

What do you do with your license after you receive it? Are you complying with all FCC regulations? Read on.

The FCC requires that the "original" operators license of each operator be kept in the "personal possession" of the operator while operating an Amateur station at a fixed location. However, the FCC does state that the license may be posted in the room occupied by the operator. That doesn't mean at the transmitter site as I read it but at the actual control point. The FCC will not except a photocopy of a license as proof of operating privileges. As I see it, section 97.83 requires that we carry our "original" licenses all the time while we are operating any amateur station.

Now comes the hard part. The FCC requires the original station license or a photocopy thereof to be posted in the room occupied by the licensed operator (or in his personal possession) while operating at a fixed, mobile or portable location. The original license must be available at all times for inspection.

So, here we go again. They will but they won't except a photocopy and your best off to keep the original license in your pocket for your personal protection. Post a photocopy at each fixed, portable and mobile location to identify the station at the point where you park yourself while operating. Leave a photocopy at all control points so

if someone operates your equipment your license is displayed as required.

Condensed from ARRL License Manual

"73" WA3EZN

50 MHZ AND UP

The month of June produced more six meter openings. On the 24th of June openings were into Texas, Arkansas and Michigan. On Monday the 25th openings were into the west coast. I worked that states of Washington, Oregon and California with many other stations heard but not worked because of pile-ups. On the 26th there were brief openings one of which was into the state of Illinois.

I'm sure many Erie hams don't know about these openings because I never hear anyone from Erie on six meters and I never get any reports for this article. Willie-K2ZYX and some Cleveland stations are the only ones I've heard on local during these openings. Why not listen around the band and let me know who you work or hear. Many of these skip stations are using only 20 to 40 watts of power.

Net control for the month of June was WA3EZN. Net control for the month of July is W3ALD. It seems these two stations are always net controls.

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With vacation time upon us, check-ins on the six meter net have fallen off again. I guess that warm summer sun must beat a warm ham shack, HA! HA!

Talking about vacations, if your taking a mobile rig along how about telling us about your contacts. If your using two meter F.M. tell us what repeaters you talked through and something about the stations you talk to.

Corry area hams are setting up two meter A.M. operations around 145.90 Let's all give a listen for them.

See you next month

"73" WA3EZN

E.O.C. REPORT - ST. VINCENT STATION

St. Vincent's Hospital, as Unit 2, was ready to go at 9:05 AM EDT. Operations were to originate from Tom Miller's room. (The engineer in charge at the hospital).

The ham in charge of the station WA3MAU called CQ to see if everything was in working order. Everything checked out fine. W3KPM answered from E.O.C. that he was receiving us loud and clear. We sat and chatted waiting for the emergency test to begin. It appeared as if we were going to send a message or two, listen to other stations request for doctors, medicine, and etc.. This was not the case.

Before the test started, these wonderful people: Sr. Margret Anne, Sr. Mary Herman, Sr. Marie Claire, Sr.

Mary Brigid, Bud Ives, Paul Tomkins Tom Miller, James Siemienak and myself filled the room to capacity.

There were many questions asked. Is it hard to get a license? Is that your radio? How far can you transmit? Why don't we have a radio of our own? These test should be held more often. The E.O.C. as net control station under #W3WDK began roll call.

The units were as follows: Hamot #1 under K3ATZ, St. Vincent #2 under WA3MAU, Vettrans Administration #3 under #W3SN, Dr. Osteopathic #4 under W3PIX, Erie Osteopathic #5 under W3MED, Erie County Hospital #6 under WA3LTB, Union City Memorial #7 under WA3HSR, Corry Memorial #8 under K3KAP and The Shriners Crippled Children Hospital #9 under K3-UPL.

Each unit began transmitting test messages and their requests for medicines. The sisters copied them and began dialing their own departments for the specific items requested.

You never saw teamwork like this for a practice. Three phones available - two in use constantly. Not one message was wasted. The sisters had replies ready for me to transmit in a matter of minutes, several times immediately.

It sure was nice to have a practice session where everyone worked like it was the real thing. It was evident that St. Vincent Hospital was prepared and ready for an emergency and they provided this without a doubt in my mind. You had to be in that room to see and feel the enthusiasm.

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I viewed the test as a whole as a high success. As we neared the closing, an actual emergency came about. Corry Memorial Hospital needed medicine badly and their only way out was to contact the Erie Hospitals. We were informed of the situation by net control, that Corry was in need of certain medicines immediately, and if they had it on hand to call Corry direct for verification and the State Police would deliver it. St. Vincent Hospital had the medicine needed, and the State Police would deliver it.

We closed our station and went home feeling good. Thanks to everyone who participated.

"73" WA3MAU

Joe Mieczkowski

FIELD DAY IN EAST SPRINGFIELD

The Lake Shore Amateur Radio Association held their field day exercises in East Springfield, Penna.. The field day site was located in an old apple orchard in the east end of the Borough of East Springfield.

The two transmitter classification was entered using Myron Powers call...W3ALD. Dipole antenna were used on 80 and 40 meter phone with a two element quad used on 20 meters. Total contacts for the 24 hour field day mounted to 1046 by closing time on Sunday afternoon.

Total contacts on 80 meters amounted to 469 with 308 on 40 meters and 270 contacts on 20 meters.

A camping field day atmosphere surrounded the tents and campers with the crackle of the campfire lasting well into Sunday morning. Some showers on Sunday morning knocked out one generator but failed to drown the large all night camping to an alternate power plant, the operators continued on their way to breaking the 1000 contact level for the first time in club history with two transmitter operation.

The weekend event was capped off with a large family style picnic before everyone sleepily took down the tents and went home.

Operators and loggers for the Lake Shore Amateur Radio Association field day were: K3IRI-SKIP, WA3-KJQ-Francise, WN3SQI-Jim, W3KRC-Pete, W3ALD-Myron, Jim Smith call unknown, Perry Paviko no call and WA3EZN-Dave.

A special thanks to W3HLM - Don, for his help and use of his power plant that helped the club have a successful field day.

"73" WA3EZN
Dave

"Mother, I'm positive he's having an affair with another woman. I just heard him say Juliet...Sugar...Hotel...Whiskey...Two...Love"

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This years Field Day exercises were the most successful in my memory...

QSO wise that is. The 4 stations a massed over 1200 contacts with unique antenna design on 40 meters accounting for 565 of them. Doc, W3-YWL provided excellent co-ordination and welcome food from his chow wagon.

The real need brought into light by Field Day, was that of keeping CD and club owned generators in working order. Generators torn apart, equipment loaned to non-members, missing cranks, and poor spark plugs are inexcusable in an organization such as ours. We are all guilty of neglecting these important points and fortunately it was Field Day, and not a regional disaster that brought the desperateness of the situation to light. The AREC will do all it can to help provide for regular maintenance and use of the facilities.

On recent communications with Dave Parmenter of the Erie County Civil Defense, I have been assured, "that the new generator (at the EOC) will be installed and operational in the near future." Present facilities at the EOC do not include a working power plant and it is hoped that the "near future" will come shortly. In other CD news, I have received

information concerning U.S. Government regulation's and requirements for Emergency Operating Centers and will report some of the details in September's article. It seems that some RACES advise is being sought concerning the planned EOC with Court House expansion.

As a closing, I urge all of you to familiarize yourself with docket 18 803 and some of the recent FCC proposals. Petitions are being circulated to be sent to Wayne Green to help in his fight for Congressional recognition of our problem... Mr. A. Prose Walker. Mr. Walker beleives that amateur radio has outlived its usefulness and is of no practical use anymore. Are you going to stand by and take this? We must unite in our fight against this detriment to our hobby. Please...sign our petitions, write your Congressman, your state's Senator, the President- we must make them aware of our problem. Unless we do, amateur radio as we have known it in the past, and as we envision it in the future may become a mere topic of conversation rather than a meaningful reality.

"73" J. Fitzreiter